

Strengthen Protections Against Damaging or Destroying Pipeline Facilities

Section 60123(b) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

- (1) in the heading, by striking "Penalty for Damaging or Destroying Facility" and inserting "Penalty for Damaging, Destroying or Interfering with Operation of a Facility";
- (2) by striking "damaging or destroying" and inserting "damaging, destroying or interfering with the operation of"; and
- (2) by inserting after "any activity affecting interstate or foreign commerce," the following: "including any facility that is under construction,".

Specific Changes to Federal Statute – Amend 49 USC §60123(b) to read (new text bolded):

*(b) Penalty for Damaging or Destroying Facility. —A person knowingly and willfully damaging, ~~or~~ destroying, **or interfering with the operation of**, an interstate gas pipeline facility, an interstate hazardous liquid pipeline facility, or either an intrastate gas pipeline facility or intrastate hazardous liquid pipeline facility that is used in interstate or foreign commerce or in any activity affecting interstate or foreign commerce, **including any facility that is under construction**, or attempting or conspiring to do such an act, shall be fined under title 18, imprisoned for not more than 20 years, or both, and, if death results to any person, shall be imprisoned for any term of years or for life.*